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Letter dated 3 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter dated 3 November 1994 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, to you (see annex).

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 148, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 3 November 1994 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia to the Secretary-General

I have to express the serious concern of the Republic of Croatia regarding the most recent military developments on the occupied territories of Croatia, where the Serbian paramilitary units in the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) Sector North are preparing a strong military offensive against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It is absolutely unacceptable for the Republic of Croatia to tolerate such actions by self-proclaimed Serbian authorities in the occupied territories of Croatia, which they pursue against a neighbouring and friendly sovereign country, a Member of the United Nations, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Croatia reserves the right to act with all appropriate means against any military involvement from its sovereign territory against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The present situation underscores the urgent need for the Security Council finally to begin implementing its own decisions, including the Vance Plan, which provides for the disbandment and demobilization of all paramilitary units in the UNPAs, as well as Security Council resolution 769 (1992) of 7 August 1992, which provides for effective control of the Croatian international borders which coincide with the boundaries of UNPAs. Furthermore, by pursuing an explicitly prohibited military offensive, the Serbian authorities in the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia are committing an extremely serious violation of the Zagreb Cease-fire Agreement of 29 March 1994.

My Government considers that the highly coordinated action of the Serbian occupying forces in Croatia and the Bosnian Serbs, aimed, inter alia, at destabilizing the wider region, gravely jeopardizes the territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These actions are also clearly aimed at undermining the peace process in general, and in particular the ongoing negotiations between my Government and the self-proclaimed Serbian authorities in the occupied territories.

I have to underscore once again the resolute position of my Government that any act of formal or factual political or military unification of the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia with any entity in the territory of the former Yugoslavia shall not be tolerated.

(Signed) Dr. Mate GRANIĆ